

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~March 25th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3415.58/4COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONITEM 1558 - VALVES (TUBES) ELECTRONICMarch 23rd, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3415.58/1, 2 and 3.

1. The GERMAN Delegate stated that in interpreting Item 1558, his authorities had encountered the following difficulties:

By sub-item (b) all electronic valves for frequencies of more than 300 megacycles are put under embargo, while sub-item (g) covers all Amplifier-Klystrons. This wording would mean that in sub-item (b) all Klystrons which operate at frequencies higher than 300 megacycles are covered, and in addition to that, under sub-item (g) all Amplifier-Klystrons are embargoed which operate at frequencies lower than 300 megacycles and, therefore, do not fall under sub-item (b).

However, since to the knowledge of the German authorities Klystrons of any kind, including amplifier-Klystrons, operate only at frequencies of more than 300 megacycles, insertion of sub-item (g) appears to be meaningless. To have amplifier-Klystrons covered by a separate sub-item would only make sense if it was intended to exclude Klystrons from sub-item (b) and to embargo only amplifier-Klystrons under sub-item (g). The German Delegation would appreciate hearing the opinion of other Delegations on this matter.

2. The NETHERLANDS Delegate said that this was an item which his authorities viewed with great interest and he asked the German Delegation to give him all the technical data on this subject which was at their disposal.

3. The COMMITTEE agreed to hear the views of Governments on the question raised by the German Delegation on April 16th.

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